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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of:	Carter et al.	Attorney Docket No.:	6548-23-1U
Serial No.:	10/680,396	Confirmation No.:	5974
Filed:	10-07-2003	Art Unit:	1731
Customer No.:	000038731	Examiner:	Hoffmann, John M.
Title:	<b>DOUBLE-CLAD OPTICAL FIBER FOR LASERS AND AMPLIFIERS</b>		

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, the date for response to which is extended by three months to November 6, 2006 (November 5 falling on a Sunday) by the accompanying Request for Three Month Extension of Time included below, Applicants file electronically this Response and Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of paragraphs which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.